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A COMMERCIAL CRUSADE

In the great industrial race meet for 1909 Oklahoma must be ready for the go and there must be not the slightest dead weight carried into the contest.

Last year the East was overwhelmed with the results of the panic, and as until a fortnight ago was not in position to respond to the demands of capital required to develop the power nation, in the awakened interest in real estate investments, in the East, and the traction, millions which for some undefined reason has always come from Louisville and Cincinnati, the entire group of states west of the Missouri river are all applicants for aid. To secure our share of that capital, to aid in the various enterprises will require joint action and harmony all along the line in this state. The old score of one city being jealous of others is no part of the present campaign. There is not the slightest cause for jealousy. There is a demand for more cities in this state and the great influx of population will make that demand more plain. It is farther from Muskogee to Tulsa than from New York to Philadelphia; farther from Muskogee to Guthrie than from Boston to Albany, and still some people were foolish enough to believe they both could not make cities.

On a plain, straightforward track, it is a greater distance from Keys, McVaurian county, to Kenion, Cimarron county, than from Buffalo to Chicago. Across that span of Oklahoma, too, is found two small mountain ranges, many beautiful valleys, the great plains and a variety of climate equalled in no other part of the world unless going down through the center of California. To cross this vast domain and people it as it is capable of being peopled, to compare with the older and longer settled states, is a field almost virgin in a commercial sense.

There is absolutely no reason why the state should not make greater development in 1909 than in any other year of its brief history. We have opportunity and the vast undeveloped resources greater than many nations of the world. It is largely a matter of our own discretion and direction whether we gain the intended goal to-morrow.

There was never a time in the history of our state when there was greater unanimity of action than now. The factors which struggled in the struggle of partisanship are rallying about the standard of commercialism of the right side, and Oklahoma is living the land of promise.

The business men of the state are awakened to collision with the pro-temperance, and the professional man is always alive to conditions which warrant unity of action. It is now a matter of hard but yet truthful advertising of opportunity in those places where capital seeks investment. There are many and able men of the state who have gone through the trials and trials incident to the starting of a commonwealth. There is no reason to suppose that one of them will lessen his ardor or decrease his effort to continue the work so valiantly begun.

It is industrial progress for a switch word, and whose would increase the momentum to stop the wheels of the chariot in which those crusaders ride in their desperation is unworthy the name of being called Oklahomans whenever placed the smallest obstacle in the path is not of the blood royal which goes to the picking of a great state in the smallest possible period of time.

In 1906—springtime season, and that season bids us away to the fields of progress. Are you a crusader for more and greater advancement, or a drone who has outlived his usefulness?

The Medford Patriot man complains that The Leader made bigger headlines of his removal from the post office than the other postmasters of the state. It is true, Mr. Palmer had been so long and strong in his defense of Republicanism, and had so often declared Democracy wild and dangerous, that it was felt to be a more important item. No one was intended but surely telling the news as related to its importance was necessary. The Leader thought it a good news item—but it first and sent that word over the state as a feature of the day's news. Fact. Palmer himself played it as a big item.

Bryd McGuire has been interviewed at Washington. Bryd told the correspondent he is from Oklahoma, but the records do not show he ever tried to do much for it.

The dust "showed off" when it got home, too.

"ALLEGED."

Were you ever sorry and glad at the same time?

That would almost express the feeling of newspaper men who have to live under the libel law of this state and that very libel law has an error that makes one who voted for that libel law step sturdy. Last Saturday the Leader printed a story from the Senate about the speeches made there. The words "alleged author" were used in said article, because "alleged" is necessary under this law in all cases. Men may come and will go but that libel law is so calculated to protect back burlap from being slandered after being caught blowing in the wind.

But this particular case was peculiar. The word "alleged" in this case took away the very protection we had. In other words the "alleged author" was the very one we could not use for protection.

The Leader understands the "author alleged" would have done the black-jumping act.

But as that is a has-been story and as the two aggrieved were no more or less than Senators Taylor and Hartcher, let it go.

They'll not kick and pounce a few hours and will make them give newspapers relief from an act that forbids an Oklahoma editor calling a murderer "an accused man" without being sued for libel.

POTTER'S IDEA

Senator Potter touched a legal point in a debate with Senator Billings. Monday evening that has been discussed by men outside of Oklahoma not a little. The liquor question has been up and down and many dollars were expended to make the prohibitory vote seem small then, a month or so ago, the supreme court of this state ruled the question had never been properly submitted to the voters in becoming a part of the constitution, but that such could not come up after acceptance of same.

Mr. Potter argues that the Supreme Court of the United States would declare Congress could not admit a state into the Union with a dividing line on any question. It's his side of the case.

And it is a good two-to-one shot that had the "Washington boys or sons" spent half a time a year ago in getting a legal investigation of the case rather than hit it resubmission phantoms, the contention of Senator Potter would have come bearably sustained.

A whole lot of knocking around is done by envious women.

Georgia champagne drinkers claim the French tariff is so high now they can not ship their product to Georgia for the damn labels.

But it should be remembered that John D. Rockefeller does not believe in giving away so much as to deprive himself of the common necessities of life.

Speaking about good places to live in real estate, was ever heard of anyone failing to make more on a Jethro's realty investment?

VAGRANT VERSE.

Love came to us at break of morn,
Through allay rain and dew;
He bore red roses—red as roses,
Sweet with pearly ros.

Joy choose ye, choose ye, man and maid!

We cried a-down the light,
Red in the rose—but roses fade,
Cue the roses every blight.We raised to him our joined hands
Smiling and loveyed.Give us for ay, as love demands,
Rosy and rye, we cried.

Martha McCullock Williams in the March Airlines.

THE SECRET OF LONG LIFE

A French scientist has discovered one secret of long life. His method deals with the blood. But long ago millions of Americans had proved Electric Bitters prolongs life and makes it worth living. It purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, rebuilds wasted nerve cells, imparts life and tone to the entire system. It's good to weak, sick and debilitated people. "Kidney trouble has blighted our life for months," writes W. M. Sherman of Cushing, Me., "but Electric Bitters cured me entirely." Only \$6 all druggists.

MUCH IN LITTLE.
WHAT EDITORS ARE SAYING

Some folks can make so much noise away from home they are permitted to remain where they are not wanted.

Getting an innovation is sometimes started by the throwing of an egg.

That great statesman who was with us last fall seems to have forgotten his pledges and is now opposed to attachment for Arizona and New Mexico; largely because they do not come in under a statute bearing the name of Beveridge.

Anyhow the death of Geronimo about closes the use of Fort Sill as frontier post.

REVOLTS AT GOLD STEEL

"Your only hope," said three doctors to Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Detroit, Mich., suffering from severe rectal trouble, in an operation, "that I used Dr. King's New Life Pills," she writes, "will wholly cure." They prevent Appendicitis and Constipation, Headache, 25¢ at all drugstores.

TALES FROM SEN.

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A Real Joke

An unmarried woman will represent the Mother's Congress in Topeka. There are a good many jokes about the mother's congress and this is one of them—Topeka (Kansas).

New York Could Not Furnish an Abraham Lincoln

(Sacramento California Bee) President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton university makes the striking declaration that if we needed another Abraham Lincoln New York could not furnish him, but he would have to come from the strong heart of the West or the South.

That is true. The great men of this Nation have ever been the children of nature. All through our history our best have arisen from the soil. The artificial life of great cities is not conducive to a broadening of mankind. Out in the great free West and the great free South, the great men of this Nation have been bred and born, and have attained to manhood.

Even those who in after years have risen to great heights are residents of some big city received their education, imbued their courage and their pluck and their dominating Americanism by living close to nature.

Theodore Roosevelt himself is no exception to this rule. He probably would not be what he is, would not have done what he has done, if it were not for the fact that he spent so many years living the life of an outdoor Westerner.

The effort to keep the calendar clear forces many who would otherwise be inclined to social life or even like to stay at the post of duty. Many complaints are made over night sessions, some of the objectors threatening to put a three-minute rule or

decree.

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